

Clean Energy Task Force

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2014

Location: City of Middletown
Municipal Building
Room 208

Re: City of Middletown
Clean Energy Task Force
Meeting No. 104

Attendees: Tom Serra
David Bauer
Jennifer Kleindienst
Audrey J. Scotti
John Hall
Peter Staye

Absent: Jeff Pugliese
Larry Chatfield
Augie DeFrance
Dmitri D'Alessandro

Bob Dobmeier, Staff

Tina Gomes, Staff

The meeting opened at 12:35 P.M. The minutes for the August 20, 2014 Clean Energy Task Force meeting were approved unanimously, amended by the adjournment time being 1:45 for that meeting. Tom Serra abstained from voting on this matter.

John Hall gave an update on the projects that he has been working on:

- Celtic Energy is continuing their energy study at the Police Department, and they should have a draft report available soon.
- The streetlight purchase from CL&P is complete. The maintenance contract for the City's electrical contractor has been in effect since the beginning of September. So far two rounds of lamp outages have been repaired by the City's electrical contractor, Turri Electric. Tom Serra, thanked Peter Staye for his input and involvement in this transaction.
- John is working on an update to energy usage at City facilities and should have a report to the task force at a future meeting.

Jennifer Kleindienst noted that she had a recent discussion with Natalia Sudyka at Northeast Utilities about current Clean Energy Communities programs such as:

- Bright Ideas Grant: We are close to the next threshold for an additional grant of up to \$15,000. The first Bright Ideas Grant was used for the energy study at the Police Department by Celtic Energy. The next phase will have a modified point system, based on newer programs.
- There have been a total of 523 Home Energy Solutions audits performed in the City of Middletown, since April, 2013. 310 were income eligible and 213 were full amount paid by the property owner.

- CL&P and the Home Energy Solutions vendors have agreed to continue the \$25 donation to the Arbor Day Tree Fund in Middletown.
- The task force discussed options for the most recent version of the CT Solar Challenge. Two local vendors may be participating in this program, and other municipalities have participated so far. Audrey and Bob will try to contact the local vendors to find out more information on this program.
- John Greeno of Victory Solutions will be promoting the Home Energy Solutions audits at home Middletown High School football games.
- Yankee Gas is offering an insulation incentive to property owners who heat with natural gas throughout their territory. Discounts and rebates are available.

Tom Serra asked John Hall if he can update the task force on energy savings that were promised by Honeywell back in 2011 when their contract was awarded. John will provide this information along with the material that he mentioned earlier in the meeting.

Jennifer Kleindienst opened discussion on the City's Energy Plan. John Hall handed out the section pertaining to Building a Culture of Conservation for the group to review. Length discussion took place on each bullet point within this section, with the key points being:

- Having a representative from the Board of Education on the task force
- Extending an invitation to the Mayor to come to a future meeting of the task force
- Getting more members, students, employees, other commissions and residents involved in the missions of the task force
- Reviewing the Clean Energy Taskforce Ordinance to make sure we comply with same.
- Post information on energy usage and savings that the City has realized as a result of recent improvements to City Facilities.

The meeting ended at 2:00 P.M. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2014, to be held at the Municipal Building at 12:30 PM..

Submitted for approval by:

Robert J. Dobmeier
Dep. Director of Public Works